

### Withdrawal of Benefits of House Building and Other Advances

59. Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES (Coondapur).—

Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government in G. O. No. FD 15 BUD 72, dated 1st March 1972 has suspended payment of House Building Advance and other advances to Government servants with effect from 1st March 1972;

(b) if so, the arrangements made to pay House Building Advance and any other such advances to Government servants who have already made commitments for the purchase of land, building houses according to rules existing prior to 1st March 1972 ;

(c) whether Government intend to reconsider this matter and revise Government order suitably to continue to give advances including House Building advances to Government servants for some more time ?

Sri M. Y. GHORPADE (Minister for Finance).—

(a) Yes, except where advances had already been sanctioned, prior to the issue of the Economy Orders on 1st March 1972.

(b) *Vide* reply to (a) above.

(c) This will be examined.

Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES.—In answer to (a), it is stated that the Government has suspended payment of House building and other advances except where advances had already been sanctioned prior to the issue of the Economy Orders. May I know what has happened to the rest of the applications permitted for advancing loans for house building, purchase of houses and purchase of plots ?

† Sri M. Y. GHORPADE.—These are being sympathetically considered by Government in deserving cases.

Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES.—Taking for granted that the advance would be sanctioned, the Government servants made commitments for the purchase of houses, plots and building of houses. Could you realise their difficulties and hardships and consider their cases sympathetically and see that loans are granted to them at least ?

Sri M. Y. GHORPADE.—It is true that when the economy order was passed, all kinds of advancing loans were stopped. But this did not affect the cases which had been sanctioned before the economy order was passed. Subsequent to economy orders, certain Government Orders were passed to relieve the difficulties of those who had already committed. What is more important is the Government is aware of this problem and they will sympathetically consider to relax the order and see that deserving cases do not suffer.